

## **Weekly Video Update August 16, 2021**

There is a vacancy on the School Committee. Applications to complete the unexpired term are due by 4 p.m., Aug. 20. If you have questions, contact the Select Board office at Town Hall.

The Coast Guard station in Scituate is on the redundancy list and is due to close next summer. The town and neighboring communities are opposed to the potential closing because of increased response times. The Select Board encourages public comment. There is a link on the Town of Scituate news on the homepage: [scituatema.gov](http://scituatema.gov)

The Water Resources Commission is hosting an information session at noon on Wednesday (Aug. 18) via Zoom. Registration is required. Visit the town website: [scituatema.gov](http://scituatema.gov). Other participants include Planning & Development, the Building Commission, and the North & South Rivers Watershed Association. The meeting will include a Question & Answer session.

The highly-contagious Delta variant is present in Massachusetts and is driving Covid numbers up across the country and in Scituate, which had 26 cases over the past week, up from 18 the week before. Some of those infected are from the same household and some are children.

The Scituate cases are split evenly between vaccinated and unvaccinated, Health Director Drew Scheele said.

The town's positivity rate is 1.93 percent over two weeks with 1,036 tests.

Statewide hospitals are seeing more Covid admissions. There are 85 people in the ICU across the state and 32 are intubated. Those numbers are well below the height of the virus in April 2020.

Egypt Beach was closed recently due to high bacteria. Retesting is being conducted. Neighbors have reported seeing applicators on the beach

which likely come from emergency overflow releases from towns north of Scituate from the huge rains two weeks ago.

Please remember to water your plants and gardens with hand-held hose or watering cans between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m.